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9	Defendant.		4:21-cv-03173
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12		RUSSELL J.	KENDZIOR
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1 hydraulic fluid? 1 private investigators, I'm -- I'm not qualified to 2 render opinions on that. 2 You mean at the location in question? 3 Correct. 3 Q Sure. I don't just mean private 4 No, I did not. 4 investigators, sir, but all kinds of investigators, Α 5 5 like police investigators, fraud investigators, Any sort of lubricants used at the location? No. I've not been to the location, and I 6 internal investigators. Would you agree with me that 6 7 did not do any testing. those kinds of investigators probably do interview 8 How about soap at the location? alleged victims and witnesses? Don't they? 9 9 A I just think I answered that. I've never A Again, I'm not here to render opinions about 10 been to the location. I never tested any -- any 10 what investigators do. I'm not an investigator. I floors under any conditions at -- at the location. 11 would only be able to speculate as to what that 11 12 Q Okay. So no water testing either? 12 profession does and how they conduct themselves and 13 That's correct. 13 what the standards are for investigators. I'm not 14 Is there a reason you didn't go to the 14 retained as an investigator in this matter. Q 15 location? 15 Q Okay. So to be clear, sir, for the jury, 16 you didn't investigate this loss at all; is that 16 A I was not asked to. 17 Q Okay. Do you normally go to a location to 17 right? 18 A That's correct. I -- I did not perform any 18 analyze an incident and form your opinions? A Not normally, no. 19 type of investigation. Just reading the documents and 19 20 Q So just to be clear, sir, you didn't go to 20 the facts and evidence, testimony that was provided to the Ball location, and you didn't test any surfaces me, along with the surveillance video. 21 there; is that correct? 22 Q In connection with your review, were all of 22 23 A That's correct. 23 the documents that you reviewed provided by 24 Q And you didn't test the floor where the 24 Mr. Taylor's counsel? 25 alleged incident occurred; did you? 25 A Yes. Page 14 Page 16 Q Did you do any independent investigation 1 1 A No. 2 2 regarding the incident or Mr. Taylor? Q Did you run any tests on Mr. Taylor's shoes 3 A No. As I said, I have not performed any 3 that he was wearing? 4 investigation. I'm not an investigator. I was not A I don't know what types of shoes Mr. Taylor 5 retained in that capacity. was wearing and did not perform any tests. 6 Q Okay. Did you do any independent analysis 6 Q Any tests of any kind on anything? 7 of facts or data regarding the incident or Mr. Taylor? A No. I've not performed any tests in this 8 8 A Certainly. All the data that -- or matter. 9 documents you see in my report and that you have on 9 Q Did you do any testing of coefficient of 10 friction? 10 the screen is what I reviewed in preparing my report 11 and subsequent opinions. 11 A No. 12 Q Sure. But I mean did you do consulting of 12 MR. SCHULZ: Lonn, can you scoot down, 13 sources on the Internet or library sources or 13 please, to subsection (iv)? 14 professional sources to try and learn more about the 14 BY MR. SCHULZ: Q This is a reference, sir, to your CV, which 15 incident or Mr. Taylor? 15 A No. When you say -- when you say "library 16 we can pull up separately. But I'm just going to ask 16 17 sources," maybe I should clarify. What do you mean you questions, here, of a general nature. Do your 18 by -- I mean, I have a library of my own, library of qualifications include any training, education, or 18 19 standards. In fact, I cited them in my report. But I 19 experience that is particular to Ball? 20 didn't seek out any library. 20 A I'm sorry. Can you rephrase that? 21 Q Okay. That's fine. Did you run any tests, 21 Q Sure. Have you ever worked at Ball, been 22 sir, on any of the fluids involved in the alleged trained at Ball, had any involvement with Ball itself? 22 23 incident? 23 24 24 A No, I did not. Q Have you done any research regarding Ball or

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25 its operations?

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Q Did you run any tests on any oil or

- 1 A Research in what way?
- 2 Q For example, research about Ball on the
- 3 company website, or maybe a publicly traded finance
- 4 page from the Internet, or marketing materials that
- 5 Ball may have, anything like that concerning Ball.
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Do you have any background of any kind with
- 8 manufacturing or recycling of aluminum cans?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Do you have any background of any kind with 10
- 11 a baler, or briquetter machine, as it's been described
- 12 in this case?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q Do you have any background of any kind
- 15 concerning janitorial services?
- 16 A Janitorial what? You cut out on me.
- 17 Q I'm sorry. Janitorial services.
- 18 A Yeah, I'm very familiar with the janitorial
- 19 industry.
- Q Okay. Can you tell me more about that,
- 21 please? How did you come to be familiar with it?
- 22 A I worked in that industry as a supplier of
- 23 janitorial products. The janitorial industry's
- 24 primary trade association is one that I've worked
- 25 personally with for several -- probably 20 years, and
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- 1 if you want to -- if that was the actual -- my title.
- 2 But my first company was called Traction Plus. And as
- 3 I mentioned, I -- we manufactured cleaning products,
- 4 chemicals. And as part of my responsibility, I would
- 5 apply the cleaning products, safety treatments, to
- 6 floors for prospective customers. Did that for
- 7 probably seven or eight years.
- 8 And so although I was not employed as a
- 9 janitor, I did janitorial work, predominantly cleaning
- floors, mopping floors with the products that I had
- developed and marketed to -- to a wide -- wide range
- 12 of industries.
- 13 Q So I just want to be clear. When you were
- 14 doing that work, it was more in terms of a testing- or
- 15 demonstration-type setting? It wasn't mopping and
- 16 sweeping after hours at an office building, that kind
- 17 of thing?
- 18 A No, that's exactly what it was. It was not
- 19 office buildings, but predominantly restaurants,
- 20 commercial locations. And that's exactly what -- what
- 21 I would do, is go in after hours and mop and sweep
- 22 floors, oftentimes training my -- my customers' staff
- 23 on -- on how to provide -- or how to use the products
- 24 I was selling them. So no, I was actually mopping and
- 25 cleaning floors.

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- 1 that's the International Sanitary Supply Association,
- 2 or ISSA. In fact, I've actually attended that
- 3 organization as a speaker several times. I also work
- 4 closely with the International Executive Housekeepers
- 5 Association. I've spoken in front of that group as
- 6 well.
- 7 Both of those organizations serve on the
- 8 board of directors of the National Floor Safety
- 9 Institute, which I chair. I worked closely for many
- 10 years with other manufacturers of cleaning products,
- 11 cleaning equipment, have worked in the area of
- 12 standards development for the standards that were
- 13 created for maintenance. That's published through the
- 14 International Sanitary Supply Association and other
- 15 standards-developing organizations.
- And I test. I've tested, over the -- the
- 17 years, products that are manufactured by the
- 18 janitorial supply industry, manufacturers of cleaning
- 19 products -- automated equipment, mops, buckets, et
- 20 cetera -- on behalf of the National Floor Safety
- 21 Institute.
- Q Have you ever done janitorial work yourself?
- 23 A I have.
- Q Can you tell me about that, please?
- 25 A Yeah. I worked as a janitor. I don't know

- 1 Q How much time did it take to train those
- 2 customers' cleaning staff? Would that be completed in
- 3 an evening?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Is it fair, then, to say that janitorial
- 6 work does not require extensive training?
- 7 A It depends. When you use the term
- 8 "janitorial work," that's a very broad range of -- of
- 9 duties. My specific area of janitorial work is -- is
- 10 isolated to cleaning and mopping of floors,
- 11 maintaining commercial floors.
- 12 Q Okay. And does cleaning and mopping floors
- 13 require extensive training?
- 14 A I don't know how you would define extensive,
- 15 but there is -- yes, there is training that is
- 16 required.
- 17 Q Can it be completed in an evening, like we
- 18 talked about?
- 19 A Yes, it can. It should be.
- 20 Q Do you have any indication that Mr. Taylor
- 21 did not receive sufficient training regarding mopping,
- 22 sweeping, and care of floors?
- 23 A By whom? Sufficient training?
- 24 Q By Ball.
 - A I don't know if Ball provided any training

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up for a second. I couldn't hear "16." 1 to Mr. Taylor. 2 Q So you don't have any opinion on the degree 2 MR. SCHULZ: Sorry. Thank you. BY MR. SCHULZ: 3 of training Mr. Taylor received or its adequacy? Q All right. Sir, this is a portion of your A At this time, I'm unaware of what training 5 Mr. Taylor received from Ball as a function of his job CV, and, in particular, we're looking at "Professional Associations." Do you see that, sir? 6 at the time he was working at their facility. 7 7 A Yes. Q Okay. But I want to be clear. You're not 8 Q One of your professional associations is 8 going to come back and say later, his training was 9 inadequate? You just don't know or have enough "The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners," 10 AFCE [sic]. Do you see that, sir? 10 information at this time? 11 A Well -- and again, I'm refining my opinions 11 A Yes. 12 to his training as -- you asked regarding mopping the 12 Q Can you please tell me about that 13 credential? 13 floor, cleaning the floor. A I worked with the Associate of Certified 14 Q Right. So my specific question, then, is, 14 15 Fraud Examiners on and off for probably eight to ten 15 you don't have an opinion, at the time, regarding the 16 adequacy of Ball's training or not training for years. I think we were both interviewed for a media television program a long time ago and developed a 17 Mr. Taylor's mopping and sweeping work on floor 17 18 surfaces; is that correct? 18 working relationship with them. 19 Obviously, they cover a wide range of 19 A Yes. And that's because I -- I have no potential fraud related to injury claims or other 20 information regarding what training he received. 21 If -- if I receive documentation or there's testimony types of matters. And so it was helpful to understand their perspective, specifically as it relates to fraud 22 that, after my deposition today, reveals his training, 23 that may exist, and the techniques used to investigate 23 then, obviously, I reserve the right to amend my 24 fraud for slips, trips, and falls. opinions in the future. 25 25 But as of today, I have no knowledge of Q So are you a certified fraud examiner Page 22 Page 24 1 yourself? 1 Mr. Taylor's trainings by Ball as it relates 2 2 specifically to mopping the floor. A No, I'm not. 3 Q But you're a member of this organization? 3 MR. SCHULZ: All right, Lonn, let's 4 take that down, please, but keep it handy. If you 4 A Yes. It -- I don't know if I'm still a would, please bring up and mark as Exhibit 3 what's in 5 member of the organization, but it's a -- it's an 6 our file as Exhibit A. association that I've been aligned with. 7 7 O Did you learn about fraud examination and (Kendzior Exhibit 3 was marked for identification.) 8 how to do at least some of it yourself? 9 A No. I'm not a fraud examiner. 9 BY MR. SCHULZ: 10 Q Is fraud an issue with regard to slip, trip, Q All right. Sir, we're looking at Exhibit 3, 10 11 which I think is a collection of your report and your 11 and fall claims? A Certainly. Fraud is associated with many 12 CV, which is lengthy, and a list of testimony. 12 13 MR. SCHULZ: Lonn, would you please 13 different types of claims. In the area of slip, trip, 14 just scroll up and down a bit so that the witness can and fall, it's -- a very, very small percentage of claims are considered to be fraud. Less than 15 orient himself, please? 15 16 10 percent. 16 BY MR. SCHULZ: Q Is this all looking familiar, sir? 17 Q Less than 10 percent? 17 A Yes. 18 Yes. 18 A 19 But every year there are at least some slip, 19 O Great. 20 MR. SCHULZ: Lonn, would you please get 20 trip, and fall claims that are false or exaggerated; 21 is that fair? 21 to page 33 of the PDF? Sorry. Page 16. 22 MR. PARSONS: What was that, Karl? 22 A I would presume that's true, yes. 23 Q How do claimants fake or exaggerate slip, 23 MR. SCHULZ: If you would, please get 24 trip, and fall claims? 24 to page 16 of the PDF. 25 A How do they claim or exaggerate? 25 MR. PARSONS: Sixteen. You just broke Page 23 Page 25

- Q Right. What methods do they use?
- 2 A Well, I think I wrote about this in my first
- 3 or second book. There's two different -- generally
- 4 speaking, two different types of fraud. One is hard
- 5 fraud, which is just a individual either stages an
- 6 event, kind of pours water on the floor -- you see
- 7 this on television programs -- and then lays down on
- 8 the floor, claiming they fell. That's -- that's
- 9 considered -- or what's known as hard fraud.
- Then there's a soft fraud. That's where
- 11 somebody actually does get injured, but perhaps it may
- 12 not be as severe as -- as they claim. And it's
- 13 difficult. You know, it's difficult to investigate
- 14 either types of fraud.

- 15 And so again, that's why organizations like
- 16 the American Society of Fraud Examiners and the
- 17 National Insurance Crime Bureau, another organization
- 18 I've worked with -- that's their specialty.
- 19 They -- they investigate those types of matters.
- 20 Q What are some red flags in an incident that
- 21 may be an indication of fraud?
- 22 A There's a wide range of, I guess you can
- 23 call, red flags or yellow flags. If the claimant
- 24 story doesn't make sense. You know, they say they
- 25 were injured in a particular location due to a

- 1 Very, very few are. But it does hurt the reputation
- 2 of legitimate victims by those who commit fraud. And
- 3 that's true of all forms of fraud.
- 4 Q Is an unwitnessed accident a potential red
- 5 flag for fraud?
- 6 A It could be. Depending on the -- the
- 7 specifics, it could be.
- 8 Q Is a short-time employee a potential red
- 9 flag for fraud?
- 10 A It depends. Again, there's a lot of
- 11 variables that go into -- people who may be unfamiliar
- 12 with a particular workplace are more -- are at a
- 13 greater risk of a hazard because their lack of
- 14 familiarity.
- 15 If people are -- are, for example,
- 16 working -- well, like, Mr. Taylor. He's working for
- 17 a -- a company, ManPower, that puts him on different
- 18 projects daily. That's his job. His job is to go
- 19 to -- from one project to the next project. And so
- 20 he's kind of a day-worker, a short-term employee.
- They're the most vulnerable because they
- 22 usually get the least amount of training, especially
- 23 when they're exposed to a hazardous condition. So
- 24 it -- it depends.

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25 Q Is a claimant with a criminal history a

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- 1 particular event or hazard, and then you find out
- 2 later that actually didn't happen, that the story
- 3 doesn't make sense. That's the biggest red flag, is,
- 4 you know, the -- the claimant's story simply is
- 5 unclear. Maybe that's the best way to put it.
- 6 That -- that's a red flag.
- 7 Oftentimes, again, just based on my
- 8 understanding of the -- the area of fraud relating to
- 9 slips, trips, and falls, the -- generally, the people
- 10 that commit slip-and-fall or trip-and-fall fraud are
- 11 very, very small. But they're very, very active. And
- 12 so you'll find that another flag is that the person
- 13 has a long history of filing similar claims. That --
- 14 that's a -- that draws attention.
- Third, they tend to oftentimes have a
- 16 better-than-typical understanding of the process by
- 17 which filing claims works. And so there's kind of a
- 18 long list. I think it's in my second book, maybe my
- 19 third book, that I -- that I talked about
- 20 slip-and-fall fraud and -- and some of the red flags
- 21 or flags that are associated with detecting fraud.
- 22 And -- and the reason why that's important
- 23 is because it really hurts the legitimate victim of a
- 24 slip and fall. People tend to think, oh, it's -- you
- 25 know, all these victims are fake. Very few are.

- potential red flag for fraud?
 A It could be. It depends on the crime, of
- 3 course, and length of time. You know, if somebody got
- 4 a traffic ticket 20 years ago, that's -- doesn't
- 4 a traffic ticket 20 years ago, that's -- doesn't
- 5 necessarily raise a red flag. It's crime in the --
- 6 generally in the same area.
- 7 Remember, fraud -- filing a fraudulent claim
- 8 is -- is a crime. And so if somebody's been doing
- 9 that over time, meaning filing fraudulent claims, then
- 10 that would be the -- that would be the -- the -- more
- 11 likely the -- the red flag.
- 12 Q Is someone with a demonstrated history of
- 13 dishonesty a red flag for a potential fraud?
- 14 A That's a tough question 'cause that would
- 15 exclude pretty much all of our elected officials.
- 16 It's hard to say. You know, we live in a very
- 17 different world today where terms like "fake news" are
- 18 rampant, and truth is sometimes hard to -- to get to
- 19 the bottom of. But yes, obviously, truthfulness
- 20 is -- is important, of course.
- 21 Q Well, sir, in this case, I wasn't talking
- 22 about politicians. I was talking about slip, trip,
- 23 and fall claimants. Is a slip, trip, and fall
- 24 claimant with a demonstrated history of dishonesty a
- 25 red flag for fraud?

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- 1 A I don't know. I -- that -- that would be
- 2 beyond my ability to deduce. When you say "honesty,"
- 3 that's a -- that's -- dishonesty is in the eye of the
- 4 beholder. But certainly is -- if somebody has been
- 5 dishonest in the claims process, all right, as they're
- 6 filing claims and reporting injuries, and their
- 7 statements are based on information that is found to
- 8 be untrue, meaning they've been dishonest, that's --
- 9 that's generally more relevant, yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Sorry. Did you say that "dishonesty
- 11 is in the eye of the beholder"?
- 12 A I said truth and -- yeah, in many ways, you
- 13 know, we live in a world where truth is in the eye of
- 14 the beholder. That's -- that's the world we live in.
- 15 So I'm not making any excuses, but I'm saying what --
- 16 what qualifies as dishonesty or lying, or other
- 17 adjectives, is oftentimes debatable.
- 18 For example, if somebody had an opinion as
- 19 to an event that they believe is true, and somebody
- 20 else comes along and says, "I totally disagree.
- 21 You're wrong," well, were they dishonest? It's really
- 22 a matter of the claims process.
- That's what my point is, and I guess that
- 24 was your original question, is, as it relates to red
- 25 flags for slip-and-fall fraud, is dishonesty an area?

- Q What's the basis for that opinion?
- 2 A Well, I just said it a moment ago. There's
- 3 been no evidence provided to me, at all, that would
- 4 suggest he is. And so to accuse somebody of fraud,
- 5 you have to have a basis. You have to have some
- 6 evidence, and there's no evidence in this case, to my
- 7 knowledge.
- 8 Q Are there potential red flags in this case
- 9 for fraud?
- 10 A Not really. I -- I don't see any strong
- 11 indication of fraud in this case. And again, please
- 12 understand I'm not a professional fraud examiner.
- 13 I'm -- I have some limited understanding of those
- 14 conditions, but I am not a -- I'm not a fraud
- 15 examiner. I'm not a professional fraud investigator,
- 16 so I'm probably not qualified to render opinions
- 17 specifically about fraud in this matter.
- 18 Q So if you're not qualified to give opinions
- 19 about fraud, you're not able to rule it out; are you?
- A Like I said, unless there is evidence
- 21 provided or presented to me that would suggest that
- 22 there was some act of fraud, I'm not going to assume
- 23 that there was.
- 24 Q Sir, I gather you give testimony for both
- 25 plaintiffs and defendants?

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- 1 Yes, as it relates to the claim that they're --
- 2 they're being dishonest about. Not if they lied and
- 3 said, you know, I didn't have pizza last night, when,
- 4 in fact, they did.
- 5 Q Is it a red flag for fraud if someone
- 6 lawyers up quickly after an incident?
- 7 A It depends. In some cases, it could be. In
- 8 other cases, not necessarily.
- 9 Q Did you rule out fraud in this case with
- 10 Mr. Taylor?
- 11 A I've been -- I've not been provided or
- 12 presented with any information that would suggest
- 13 Mr. Taylor is committing a act of fraud in this
- 14 particular case. That he, in fact, did slip and fall,
- 15 and he did injure himself, that's -- I'm taking that
- 16 as truthfulness.
- 17 Q Well, that's a little different than ruling
- 18 it out, sir. Did you rule out fraud in this case?
- 19 A I have no evidence to suggest that he's
- 20 committing any type of fraud.
- 21 Q Okay. "Yes" or "no", please. Did you rule
- 22 out fraud?
- A Yes. It's my opinion that Mr. Taylor has
- 24 not committed or is not in the process of committing
- 25 an act of -- of fraud.

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- A Yes.
- 2 Q Is there a percentage that you can assign to
- 3 each side?

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- A Oh, gosh, I don't know. I've never really
- 5 sat down and added them all up. I think I've been
- 6 retained in about 1300 lawsuits representing both
- 7 plaintiffs and defendants. The vast majority would be
- 8 representing plaintiffs.
- 9 I would estimate it to be around 75 percent
- 10 of my retentions are on the -- on the part of a
- 11 plaintiff, and the remaining 25 percent would be
- 12 retentions from a defendant.
- 13 Q Have you ever been retained by Mr. Buzbee's
- 14 firm or attorneys in his firm before?
- 15 A I have, I think, or have had a previous case
- 16 or -- or a second case with the same firm. I don't
- 17 know the time proximity, but I think there was a -- a
- 18 previous case.
- 19 Q Just one other, though?
- 20 A I think so. I haven't gone through and --
- 21 as I mentioned, after 1300 cases, they kind of -- kind
- 22 of turn into a -- they kind of get blurry. But I do
- $\,23\,\,$ have a list of past cases that I assume you have,
- 24 all -- all my retentions. And if you want to go25 through the list to see if there's any other

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1 retentions, there -- there may be. I'm just not aware
                                                               1 slippery condition. And the standard of care requires
 2 of them.
                                                              2 that walkways in industrial locations like this, or
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       Q Have you ever had your opinions or testimony
                                                                 workplace, have to be maintained dry and in a sanitary
 4 limited or stricken by a Court?
                                                               4 condition, and the rule calls for that to be
 5
       A I've had -- yeah, I've had a couple of cases
                                                                 slip-resistant.
 6 where federal judges, federal cases, felt that my
                                                                       So if you have a oil spill -- and oil spills
 7 testimony would not be needed, not on the basis of
                                                                 happen -- in this case, hydraulic fluid, you need to
    qualifications, but they felt that the case would be
                                                                 barricade the area and not permit workers into the
    easily presented without expert testimony,
                                                                 area until the hazardous condition is removed, cleaned
10 specifically my testimony.
                                                                 properly. And then the barricades would be taken
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       Q Have you ever been qualified as an expert in
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                                                                 down, and workers would be allowed to enter that
12 the Southern District of Texas where this case is
                                                                 workplace.
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                                                                     Q Okay. And we've already established, sir,
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       A I don't keep track of all the courts that
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                                                                 that you didn't test the surface, any fluids, or
15 I've been -- been in and been accepted by, but it's --
                                                             15 coefficient of friction in this case; correct?
16 it's probable that I have, yes.
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                                                                     A That's correct.
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       Q One of those cases where the Court decided
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                                                                        And you don't know the makeup of the oil or
18 that your opinions would not be helpful to the jury
                                                             18 hydraulic fluid from the machines?
    was in the Southern District of Texas; wasn't it?
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                                                                     A No, I've not actually examined the actual
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       A I don't know.
                                                             20 fluid. And I -- my understanding, it was hydraulic
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              MR. SCHULZ: Okay. Lonn, can you
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                                                                 fluid, which is oil -- an oil-based product.
22 please bring up the Jenkins case, and mark it as the
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                                                                     Q Sure. But we don't know what particular
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   next Exhibit 4.
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                                                                 brand or grade; is that correct?
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              (Kendzior Exhibit 4 was marked for
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                                                                     A Yeah. I -- I don't know. That's correct.
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              identification.)
                                                                     Q Okay. And you didn't examine the soap
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             All right. Lonn, can you please scoot
                                                               1 either?
   down to the next page?
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                                                                     A That's correct.
 3 BY MR. SCHULZ:
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                                                                          MR. SCHULZ: Okay. Lonn, let's go back
       Q All right. Sir, do you remember a case
                                                              4 to the Jenkins opinion on page 6 of the PDF. That's
   called Jenkins vs. Helmerich & Payne International
                                                                 it. Yeah. Oh, down a little bit, please.
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   Drilling Company?
                                                                 BY MR. SCHULZ:
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       A No, not offhand.
                                                                     O So, sir, it looks like, in the Jenkins case,
       Q Looks like that was Arnold & Itkin out of
                                                                 you gave a very similar opinion; is that fair?
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                                                                     A I don't remember. I may have.
   Houston here. Do you recall that one at all?
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                                                                          MR. SCHULZ: Okay. Let's scoot down a
       A No.
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             MR. SCHULZ: Okay. Lonn, we're going
                                                             11 little bit more, please.
                                                              12 BY MR. SCHULZ:
12 to be toggling back and forth between this opinion and
13 the previous report. So let's go back to the
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                                                                     Q The Court states here that "Kendzior ran no
14 witness's report and look at page 4 of the PDF. This
                                                              14 tests on the stairs or the contaminating material. He
15 is it. Thank you.
                                                                 does not know what the coefficient of friction was for
16 BY MR. SCHULZ:
                                                                 the contaminated stairs. He does not know the true
       Q All right. Sir, your first opinion in this
                                                                 makeup of the contaminating materials. His opinion,
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18 case is listed here, number 1. "The condition of the
                                                                 then, is ... not the product of any testable
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19 walkway at the time of Mr. Taylor's fall constituted a
                                                                 methodology or evidence-based analysis. Consequently,
20 dangerous condition and posed an unreasonable risk of
                                                                 Kendzior's opinion on the danger posed by the stairs
21 harm." Is that your opinion, sir?
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                                                                 does not appear reliable." Did I read that correctly,
       A Yes.
                                                             22
                                                                 sir?
23
       Q And what was the basis for that opinion?
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                                                                        Yes.
       A Well, the presence of hydraulic fluid on a
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                                                                     Q Was your analysis, in this case, any
25 workplace walkway or working surface constitutes a
                                                             25 different from what the Court found was insufficient
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1 in Jenkins that I just read to you?
                                                                     this case 'cause I wasn't doing -- I didn't do any
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       A I don't know. I'm -- I'm not familiar -- I
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                                                                     testing of the -- the surface in question -- somehow
 3 don't recall this case.
                                                                     would disqualify me from rendering opinions.
       Q Okay. But suffice it to say, sir, you don't
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                                                                            And my -- my point is, 99.999 percent of the
   know the true makeup of the oil, the soap, or the
                                                                     time somebody slips and falls, the condition will
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   water; is that correct?
                                                                     change before experts, whether it's myself or somebody
 7
       A Well, it may be impossible to know that, so.
                                                                     else, are retained. So you can, you know, throw a
 8 For example, if I was to go out today and want to take
                                                                     case out, if you will. And by the way, that's --
   measurements of the coefficient of friction of the
                                                                     that's typical. Federal judges don't like
10 floor, the first thing -- the first thing you have to
                                                                     slip-and-fall cases, so they find every reason, in my
11 recognize is it's a different floor, different
                                                                     opinion, to get rid of them. They just don't like
12 surface -- potentially different surface contaminant.
                                                                     them. And so this is, I guess, as good of a reason as
13 I don't know the volume of contaminant that was on the
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                                                                     any.
14 floor. There's a lot of variables that would have
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                                                                            But my point is, you can -- you can say that
                                                                     about every slip-and-fall case, all right. Because
   potentially changed the condition.
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          And so by taking test results of a -- of oil
                                                                     you didn't go out and test it immediately at the time
17 on the floor, first of all, there's no standard. And
                                                                     the person fell, you -- your -- your knowledge, your
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18 in this particular case on the screen, there's no
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                                                                     understanding, the facts really don't matter. All
   standard, no scientific methodology that's published
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                                                                     that matters is testing. And it's actually the
   to take measurements of mud or whatever this product
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                                                                     opposite.
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    was on the stairs.
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                                                                            The testing is -- is, in many times,
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          Nor is there a standard for measuring the
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                                                                     irrelevant 'cause you can't reproduce the actual exact
   slip-resistance of hydraulic fluid on a floor. The
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                                                                     conditions. In some -- in some cases, testing is more
    standards that are published through the National
                                                                     relevant in a -- in a lawsuit. But in this case, it
25 Floor Safety Institute don't call for oil or hydraulic
                                                                     would be very hard to replicate, so why confuse the
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 1 fluid or mud on stairs, but rather water with a small
                                                                   1 jury? Especially since the methodology is not
    amount of SLS, which is a soap-like substance.
                                                                  2 specific to measuring the slip-resistance of hydraulic
                                                                  3 fluid on a concrete floor.
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          And so perhaps, in this case that's on the
 4 screen, that was not made clear by the retaining
                                                                         Q But it sounded, by your earlier testimony,
                                                                     sir, that there is no methodology that could be
   attorney. So doing tests on a surface that there is
   no scientific basis for -- for conducting that test
                                                                     applied. I think you mentioned that there were no
                                                                     standards for testing or measuring by various national
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    would only mislead the Court.
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          And the same is true in this case. This
                                                                     organizations; is that correct?
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    particular event took place in 2021, two years ago. I
                                                                         A Yes. And that's, you know -- that's --
   was retained in this case a year after that, and so
                                                                     oftentimes a lot of these matters, just due to
11 the condition of the worksite were different from the
                                                                     insufficient good lawyering, get discharged because
12 time of the event to the time I was retained.
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                                                                     the relevant information, like what you just asked,
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          And so it's -- I guess it would be fair to
                                                                     wasn't presented. So you can't test a -- a walkway
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14 say putting oil on a floor would -- would constitute
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                                                                     with hydraulic fluid to any national standard with any
15 an unreasonably dangerous condition given that oil is
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                                                                     test method. Nothing's recognized.
16 a lubricant. That's what it's used for. And having a
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                                                                            You can come up with data and say, wow, oil
17 lubricant on a floor, regardless of the specific
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                                                                     is really slippery on the floor. Well, okay. I think
   coefficient of friction, would present a slip hazard.
                                                                     that would be fair to say. Everybody would under --
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       Q So by the time you came along, the facts
                                                                     would understand that. What the exact coefficient of
   that you would have needed regarding the material and
                                                                 20
                                                                     friction is, as I was mentioning earlier, is a bit
21 the surface were unknowable?
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                                                                     irrelevant.
       A No, that's not what I'm saying. We're
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                                                                            My onions, as you saw on the screen before,
23 talking about testing. The document you have on the
                                                                     speak to the fact that having hydraulic fluid on the
   screen suggests that, because I didn't do any
                                                                 24 floor, known to be on the floor, discharging, at the
   testing -- and I guess that's what you're asking me in
                                                                 25 time, on the floor, represents an unreasonably
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- 1 dangerous condition to workers who have to work in 1 2 that area. That's -- that's my opinion. And 3 presumably, that was my opinion in the case that you 4 have on the screen of Jenkins vs. Helmerich & Payne 5 Drilling. 6 MR. SCHULZ: Lonn, let's go back to the 7 witness's report, same page. 8 MR. PARSONS: I'm sorry. Which page 9 was it, Karl? 10 MR. SCHULZ: Four. Sorry. Four of the 10 11 PDF. 11 12 BY MR. SCHULZ: 13 Q So, sir, was your second opinion "The 14 defendant knew or reasonably should have known of the 15 dangerous condition of the walkway prior to 16 Mr. Taylor's slip and fall and should have placed 17 absorbent pads on the walkway and posted warning signs 17 18 as to alert workers to the impending slip hazard"? 19 A That's correct. 20 0 What's the basis for that opinion?
- 25 defendant's employees were aware of that, had Page 42

A Well, that's the standard of care to --

22 once -- once a hazardous condition is identified -- in

23 this case, a hazardous condition was being generated

24 by leaking hydraulic fluid on the floor. The

1 extensive knowledge of that. Repairs were allegedly 2 to be taking place. They -- they were not, and 3 Mr. Taylor was exposed to that hazardous condition, 4 both at the time he started the project with Ball on 5 Saturday, July 24, 2021, as well as the -- the next 6 day, Sunday, July 25th, which is when he slipped and 7 fell.

So once a -- I -- once a hazardous condition

is identified, items -- well, all four -- five of 9 10 those opinions would constitute the standard of care. 11 Q Okay. It's your opinion that Mr. Taylor

12 worked on that Saturday as well?

13 He was there, yeah, the day before, on the Α

14 24th.

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15 Wasn't the 24th a Friday?

A My understanding it was a Saturday. I may 16

17 be wrong.

18 MR. SCHULZ: All right. Lonn, let's go

19 back to Jenkins, please. And we're on page 7 of that

20 PDF.

21 BY MR. SCHULZ:

22 O So number 2 in the Jenkins case looks to be

23 substantially the same as your opinion in the

24 Taylor --

25 A I don't know. I've not seen this document. Page 43 Q Well, you said, in the Taylor case, "The

2 Defendant knew or reasonably should have known of the

3 dangerous condition of the walkway prior to

4 Mr. Taylor's slip and fall and should have placed

5 absorbent pads on the walkway and posted warning signs

as to alert workers to the impending slip hazard."

So it looks like it's substantially similar

except to the last part about pads and warning signs;

is that fair?

A Yes.

Q Okay. The Court in Jenkins opined that the

12 jury didn't need your help in deciding the timeline

13 issues and wasn't helpful and didn't allow you to make

that opinion. But you gave that very same opinion, or

15 at least the first part of the opinion, in this case

as well; didn't you?

A I don't know how to answer your question. I

18 was -- there was no -- I guess, maybe let me back all

the way up. Prior to you showing this -- this to me

20 today, sir, I have never seen this. I had no idea

that -- any of this. I never testified at trial. I

was not informed any of the statements you're going

23 over today, so I don't know. This is kind of news to

24

25 Q Okay. I'll represent to you that this

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1 opinion was published on December 30, 2021. Does that

2 ring any bells?

3 A No.

Your report in this case was written after

5 December 30, 2021; wasn't it?

6 A Yes.

7 Q You have a further opinion about putting

down absorbent pads and posting warning signs.

MR. SCHULZ: And, Lonn, let's go back

10 to his report for that one. Page 4. Thank you.

11 BY MR. SCHULZ:

Q All right. Sir, do you see that part about 12

13 "absorbent pads" and "signs"?

14 A Yes.

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15 Does a jury need you to tell them that there

should be absorbent pads to cover up or mop up a leak? 16

A Well, absorbent pads are not used to cover

up or mop up. They're used as a means of containment. 18

And yes, I think the average juror would probably 19

20 misunderstand that as, no offense, you've kind of

21 misunderstood it.

22 And so yes, it does require somebody that

23 has experience and knowledge and training in this area

24 to identify and, I guess, to describe the standard of

25 care as it relates to what -- what does a

and absorbing hydraulic fluid. 1 fluid on the floor. That's my understanding. 2 Those types of products would be required in 2 Q Okay. Do you have any way to independently 3 this case, versus, say, a rag that was used, you know, 3 verify Mr. Taylor's statement regarding what he 4 hanging out of a janitor's pocket. That's really not slipped on? an appropriate way to remove hydraulic fluid from a 5 A Independently verify. I don't know what you 5 6 floor. 6 mean by that. 7 7 MR. SCHULZ: Objection. Nonresponsive. Q Well, one guy told me he slipped on soap. Did you do anything else to check that statement? 8 BY MR. SCHULZ: A I -- I don't know what other people's Q Sir, you didn't test the rags or bucket in 10 this case, so you can't say they're insufficient; can 10 opinions are or -- was that a deposition, you're 11 you? 11 saying? 12 A I don't know what rags Ball uses. And 12 Q Well, no. Sir, my question is, besides 13 reading Mr. Taylor's deposition testimony, did you do 13 you're -- are you stating that they're -- that they 14 did use rags to remove this hydraulic fluid? Is that anything to check and see whether the thing that he 15 what you're stating? 'Cause I was unaware of how they allegedly slipped on --16 removed the hydraulic fluid. A Well, there were photographs of the 16 17 Q Okay. So you're not aware of how they 17 hydraulic hose leaking. 18 removed hydraulic fluid, so you're not able to say, 18 Q Okay. Did he slip in the area of the 19 one way or the other, whether their method was 19 photograph? 20 sufficient? 20 A Yes, that's my understanding. It was the A I don't know if they removed the hydraulic 21 21 same general area. 22 fluid, how they removed the hydraulic fluid, what 22 Q Well, the same general area or the place 23 containment methods they used to contain the hydraulic 23 where he slipped? 24 fluid, and what materials they used to absorb the 24 A Well, I don't know how to answer that 25 hydraulic fluid. And then, lastly, I -- I don't know 25 question. It's -- to me, it's all the same. The Page 50 Page 52 1 how they disposed of the hydraulic fluid that was 1 location where the hydraulic fluid was being sprayed 2 removed from the floor. 2 out was the same location where Mr. Taylor had slipped 3 and fallen. 3 Q Do you know for sure that there was 4 hydraulic fluid on the part of the floor where 4 Q Did Mr. Taylor slip on soapy water? 5 Mr. Taylor allegedly slipped? 5 A No. My understanding is it was hydraulic A That's my understanding, yes. fluid. Now, there may have been some mopping that was 6 6 7 Q Well, what is your understanding based on? done that may have just spread the hydraulic fluid via A His testimony. the mop, or -- which oftentimes very common is workers Aside from Mr. Taylor's testimony, do you walking through the hydraulic fluid will track it to a 10 have anything else to -- well, first of all, where did 10 larger area. But at the end of the day, the hazardous 11 Mr. Taylor say he slipped on oil? material, the -- the substance that Mr. Taylor slipped 12 A By the baler, the equipment that he was 12 and fell on, was hydraulic fluid. 13 working next to. 13 Q Can you guarantee that Mr. Taylor would not 14 Q Mr. Taylor, you're saying, specifically 14 have slipped if Ball had taken the corrective actions 15 testified that he slipped on oil? 15 that you suggest in your report? 16 A Well, he said there was oil. I don't know 16 A Well, I don't suggest in my report that 17 if he described it as hydraulic fluid, but he -- I there was any guarantee. It's actually a matter of, 18 don't know the exact phrase, but he said that the -was it more reasonable or not? And the answer is yes. 19 the machine was discharging -- spraying out oil on the If the floor was properly maintained, clean and clear 20 floor at a pretty steady rate. Quite a bit of liquid 20 of the hazardous substance, in this case, hydraulic 21 was discharged on the floor and was in the -- some 21 fluid, then it would be less likely -- the risk of 22 form of repair. slipping and falling for workers would be reduced. 23 They were going to be repairing the 23 But given that the fact you had a lubricant

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24 on the floor being discharged, that was on the floor

25 for at least a day, maybe two days, that was directly

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broke --- I think it was a broken hose -- hydraulic

25 hose that broke, and it was spraying out hydraulic

- Q What is the basis for your opinion?
- 2 Α Well, the defendant knew that there was a
- 3 hazardous condition present in the location where
- 4 Mr. Taylor was working, both on the day of his fall
- and the previous day. The defendant made no effort to
- cordon that area off, to barricade the area, as to
- 7 prohibit Mr. Taylor from entering it.
- 8 They made no effort to properly contain the
- 9 hazardous condition, in this case, hydraulic fluid,
- 10 from spreading onto the floor, meaning people
- 11 could -- other workers could be walking through it,
- 12 trafficking -- or tracking that contaminant in an area
- 13 beyond just where it's being created.
- 14 And so the defendant also, presumably, had
- 15 the ability to contain, restrict, warn, and barricade
- 16 the area, number one, and then, secondly, had a
- 17 responsibility to inform Mr. Taylor, who was not their
- 18 employee -- he was a contracted worker -- to simply
- not go into the area until it gets cleaned up and it's 19
- 20 safe to go into.

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- 21 Q Did you see evidence that Ball was
- undertaking efforts to fix the leak from occurring?
- 23 A No. They said they were going to fix it,
- 24 but, for whatever reason, it didn't get repaired. It
- 25 continued to leak the second day.

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- 1 for saying that there was such hydraulic fluid?
- you see any evidence of efforts to fix it at all? 2

Q So my question was a little different. Did

- 3 A What do you mean by "effort to fix"?
- 4 Q I guess, my question is this: does fixing a
- 5 thing that is causing a leak constitute a proper
- effort to stop the leak? I'm just talking about
- 7 conceptually now in general.
- A Well, it depends. Obviously, they wanted to 8
- 9 fix the broken hose or the leaking hose to get the
- 10 equipment up and running, so that's the purpose of
- 11 fixing it. The secondary response to fixing it is
- 12 that it would no longer be spilling hydraulic fluid on
- 13 the floor.
- 14 And so fixing it not only gets the equipment
- 15 up and running again, which is the business they're
- 16 in, and it also stops the spread of hydraulic fluid on
- the floor, which is a safety benefit. 17
- 18 Q And you're saying that Ball made no effort
- 19 to fix the machine so that it wouldn't leak?
- 20 A No, they made an effort on the first part,
- 21 to attempt to repair the hose to get the equipment up
- 22 and running. But they did not make an effort to
- 23 contain the spill, remove the spill -- when I say "the
- 24 spill," again, hydraulic fluid -- warn of the spill,
- 25 and, most importantly, restrict access to the area
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- 1 where the spill was -- was at, the hydraulic fluid was
- 2 being spilled onto the floor. That's what they did
- not make a effort on.
- Q What areas of the floor was the hydraulic
- area -- hydraulic fluid being spilled?
- A What area of the floor was the hydraulic
- 7 fluid on?
- 8 Q Yes.
- 9 Yeah, it was right by the baler, the -- the
- 10 equipment that you see on the surveillance video where
- Mr. Taylor was kind of behind. The camera, of course,
- doesn't capture him falling, but you see the location
- 13 of the work area that Mr. Taylor was working in. And
- it was presumably that device that you see on the
- surveillance video, the equipment.
- Q So what's your basis for saying that the 16
- hydraulic fluid was there? 17
- 18 A What basis is there for saying hydraulic
- 19 fluid was there? Well, that's -- that's what this
- case is about; right? I mean, is -- is anybody
- contending that there was not hydraulic fluid on
- 22 the -- on the ground? I didn't hear that.
- 23 Q Well, sir, my question to you was, as to the
- 24 presence or absence of hydraulic fluid in the area
- 25 where Mr. Taylor allegedly slipped, what is your basis

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- A Well, that's what the photographs show. 3 That's what Mr. Taylor stated. He did, in fact, slip
- 4 and fall. And the evidence all points to leaking
- 5 hydraulic fluid onto the floor as the basis by which
- the unreasonably dangerous condition was created.
- 7 Q What's your basis for saying, "He did, in fact, slip and fall"?
- A Well, it -- why are we here? He -- the man
- 10 fell; right? He slipped and fell and injured himself.
- 11 In fact, you see him walking around behind the
- 12 equipment, kind of limping.
- 13 There is another worker -- I don't know who
- 14 the gentleman was -- that you see walk around the
- equipment and, presumably, help Mr. -- Mr. Taylor up
- off the ground. I don't know who the gentleman is
- seen on the surveillance video, but I guess I would 17
- call him a potential witness. He was actually there.
- 19 He saw the -- Mr. Taylor's -- you know, on the ground,
- 20 so.
- 21 Q So I'm just curious. You're stating it as a
- 22 fact that Mr. Taylor slipped and fall -- fell. I just
- 23 want to know your basis for that.
- 24 A Well, that's my understanding. That's
- 25 the -- the facts and evidence. What I've been

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1 to arrive at a conclusion regarding a dangerous
                                                                1 plaintiffs' cases involving slips on surfaces. How
   condition at Ball's facility; is that correct?
                                                                  often do you reach these same conclusions in reports
            That's what the -- the document states.
 3
                                                                   that you're writing?
 4 Yes.
                                                                      A Well, it depends. My conclusions are not
 5
            Well, no, sir. My question is, in the
                                                                   the same in every case. There may be elements of my
 6 Taylor case, did you also not use a testing method,
                                                                   report that are duplicative, as you're pointing out in
    testing battery, or national standard to arrive at
                                                                   this Jenkins matter. But keep in mind, Mr. Schulz, I
    your conclusion about the dangerous condition of the
                                                                   work on over a thousand cases. Many of them are very
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    surface?
                                                                   similar in nature, so it's the same pattern. Not the
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        A Well, those are two different questions. I
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                                                                   same result, not the same facts, but the same trend,
11 did not perform any testing. As I mentioned earlier,
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                                                                   the same issue. Maybe that's a better word to use.
12 there's no way to test that particular surface with
                                                               12
                                                                         And so a workplace slip and fall would be
13 any credibility. And so testing a surface via an --
                                                               13 kind of like this case. What are the rules that
14 an orthodox or undefined principle, in -- in my
                                                                   govern a workplace slip and fall? Well, I detail
15 industry, as a scientist would be simply to confuse or
                                                                   those in my report, and that's specific to this type
16 mislead the jury. And so no, in the absence of a
                                                                   of a case.
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    recognized test method, testing was not done.
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                                                                         But a slip and fall in a bathtub, well,
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        Q So we've seen three opinions from the
                                                               18
                                                                   that's -- there's no OSHA requirements for that
    Jenkins case that are very similar to your opinions in
                                                               19
19
                                                                   or -- it's a different set of standards and -- and of
   this case. Do your reports follow a form?
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                                                                   course, draws different conclusions and opinions.
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       A Does my what follow a form?
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                                                                      Q How often have you opined that a walking
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            Do your reports that you publish follow a
        Q
                                                               22
                                                                   surface "constituted a dangerous condition and posed
23 form?
                                                               23
                                                                   an unreasonable risk of harm"?
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       A Generally speaking, yes.
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                                                                      A When it does.
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            How often do you conclude the points 1, 2,
                                                                      Q Out of your thousand cases, what number?
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 1 and 3, or something very similar to it, in your
                                                                1
                                                                      A Oh, I don't know. I -- I work on such
                                                                2 a -- such a diverse group. Let me back up. It might
   reports that you publish?
       A Well, it depends on the matter. In -- when
                                                                3 be helpful. I get calls every day from lawyers. A
 3
 4 I'm representing an opinion on a specific type of
                                                                4 lot of cases I get presented, I say, can't help you,
 5 incident, whether it's a trip and fall, that would be
                                                                5 or I don't believe you -- your client. Or, sorry, you
   a different form. When I say "form," it -- outline.
                                                                   got the wrong guy. And so of the 1300 cases that I've
 7
    Maybe that's a better word. That would be specific to
                                                                   been retained in, there's probably another 700 that I
    that particular case.
                                                                   just turn down. I -- I'm not going to get involved.
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          If I'm working on a matter of a -- of a slip
                                                                         The case has to have merit, credibility,
10 and fall in a bathtub, that would follow a different
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                                                                   facts. It has to make sense. And if it doesn't make
11 format or outline. The same is true in this case.
                                                                   sense, I'm not -- I'm not interested because I really
12 And so my reports are structured, as you can see,
                                                                   don't get involved in everybody's slip-and-fall case.
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13 Mr. Schulz, to be very much to the point. I don't
                                                                   So I do screening of every case and want to make sure
   want to waste a lot of time. I'm not going to write a
                                                               14
                                                                   I know it's -- what's at hand, what's -- what's going
   28-page report, of which 26 pages is meaningless
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                                                                   on. And this case is no -- no different.
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   bologna to confuse everybody.
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                                                                            MR. SCHULZ: Objection to the
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          I'm going to write a report as my format,
                                                                   nonresponsive portion of the answer.
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   guideline, to kind of get to the -- get to the point.
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                                                                            Lonn, let's go back, please, to the
   What happened? What are the standards that are
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                                                                   witness's report. Thank you. We're on page 4.
20 applicable? Was there a breach of those standards,
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                                                                   BY MR. SCHULZ:
21 meaning the standard of care? And if so, why? That's
                                                               21
                                                                      Q All right. Number 4 on your screen, sir, is
22 my -- that's my form or guide -- guideline that I'm
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                                                                   that your opinion regarding "prior to Mr. Taylor's
23
    referring to.
                                                               23
                                                                   fall"?
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       Q So let's eliminate bathtub cases and let's
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   eliminate trip and falls. And let's focus on
                                                                          What's the basis for that opinion?
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- 1 is no expert rhyme or reason to the underlying
- 2 opinion. As a result, Kendzior's input on causation
- 3 would not help the jury." Do you remember that?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q What was the Brower case about?
- 6 A I don't remember. Obviously, a slip and
- 7 fall. I don't remember the -- the details of that
- 8 case.
- 9 Q Do you recall that there was a video in the
- 10 Jenkins case?
- 11 A Nope. Honestly, sir, I work on cases every
- 12 day, and to ask me about a case three years ago is
- 13 like asking me what I ate for dinner three years ago.
- 14 I -- unless -- unless I have that in front of me,
- 15 I -- I don't have that file, so I'm not here to speak
- 16 about a case I worked on two years ago or -- or from
- 17 memory.
- 18 Q Well, sir, this Brower case was pretty
- 19 important in the Southern District of Texas, so that's
- 20 why I'm asking about it.
- 21 A Yeah. Well, hey, judges have opinions too,
- 22 right? I'm not -- not questioning that.
- 23 Q Where in your report, sir, do you evaluate
- 24 anything that Mr. Taylor did or didn't do that may
- 25 have caused or contributed to his alleged fall?

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- Q So you didn't specifically address
- 2 Mr. Taylor's acts or omissions in your report?
 - A Again, it's just based on the facts that
- 4 I've been presented, the evidence I've reviewed. I'm
- 5 not here to speculate about what Mr. Taylor could have
- 6 done. Okay. I don't -- I don't do that, generally.
 - Q Did you rule out Mr. Taylor's acts or
- 8 omissions as a cause of the loss?
- 9 A I don't -- I didn't rule it in or rule it
- 10 out. I just don't have any information that would
- 1 suggest he did anything unreasonable, that he did
- 12 something to cause his fall that was otherwise
- 3 preventable. I -- I don't -- I don't have any
- 4 information along those lines.
- 15 Q Should you always evaluate whether a person
- 16 contributed to his or her own slip and fall?
- 17 A It depends on the facts of the case. For
- 18 example, if this area was barricaded -- and you -- you
- 19 asked this question a moment ago. If the area was
- 20 barricaded and Mr. Taylor breached the barricades, he
- 21 walked around them, yeah -- yeah, then he would have
- 22 some responsibility for that injury. But there's no
- 23 evidence to suggest anything like that that occurred
- 24 in this case.
- 25 Q Would you agree with me that someone working

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- 1 A I have no knowledge or evidence that he did
- 2 anything that contributed to his fall. He was just
- 3 working. As you see in the surveillance video, wasn't
- 4 running, didn't appear to be preoccupied. He was just
- 5 doing his job.
- 6 Q My question was a little different, sir.
- 7 Did you expressly evaluate anything in your report or
- 8 analysis in your report regarding anything that
- 9 Mr. Taylor may have done to contribute to the
- 10 incident?
- 11 A Well, again, it's -- there's no evidence
- 12 that suggests he was doing anything unreasonable, so
- 13 why would I cite that?
- 14 Q Well, did you eliminate it as a potential
- 15 cause of the incident?
- 16 A Eliminate what?
- 17 Q Mr. Taylor's acts or inaction.
- 18 A As I just said, what? What acts? What acts
- 19 did he -- I mean, tell me what you mean by that.
- 20 Q Well, I'm just asking, sir, is there
- 21 anything in your report where you note -- that you say
- 22 something like, nothing Mr. Taylor did was wrong?
- 23 Nothing he did contributed?
- A No, I don't recall putting -- that's not in
- 25 my report.

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- 1 in a manufacturing setting should have his eyes on the 2 path?
- 3 A Rely upon what?
- 4 Q Sorry. Let me say that again. Would you
- 5 agree with me that someone working in a manufacturing
- 6 setting should have his eyes on the path where he's
- 7 walking?
- 8 A Well, certainly. Not just in a
- 9 manufacturing setting, but anywhere. As you're
- 10 walking out of your office to your car, for example.
- 11 Q What's your evidence for saying Mr. Taylor
- 12 had his eyes on the path?
- 13 A Well, what evidence is there to say he -- he
- 14 didn't? I -- my point is I don't have evidence to
- 15 suggest he did anything unreasonable. That's my
- 16 point.
- 17 Q Would you agree with me that, when
- 18 Mr. Taylor entered Ball's facility, he had at least
- 19 some responsibility for his own safety?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q What is that responsibility?
- A Well, he wants to ensure that he's doing his
- 23 job in a safe way; that he has proper equipment,
- 24 proper shoes, footwear, training, information, all the
- 25 things that go with him performing his function,

1 condition of his employment where they said, hey, if 1 steals a car out of our parking -- parking lot, 2 you want to work for Ball, you got to sign off on Mr. Taylor, you're responsible. Well, he signed the 3 these policies and procedures. I'm not even certain bottom of the form, so I guess he's responsible. 4 he read them. But that's for you to take up with him. 4 If you read these -- these policies and Q If Mr. Taylor signed off on these policies 5 5 procedures -- look at number 6. Look at number -- go and procedures, is he bound by them? through every one of them. It's clearly written for 7 A I don't know. That's a legal question. employees of Ball, not for contracted employees. 8 Q Do you think it's appropriate for employers, Every single sentence -- you know, "company-furnished 9 even temporary employers, to put policies and uniforms." Mr. -- Mr. Taylor wasn't given a 10 procedures in place that include employee 10 company-furnished uniform; right? I mean, just --11 responsibilities? 11 Q Sir, as to Mr. Taylor, does he have a A Well, he's not an employee of Ball; right? 12 12 responsibility to see something, say something, if he 13 So yeah, of course, you can't -- you can't hold 13 sees a dangerous condition in his workplace? 14 someone who is not an employee to employee policies 14 A I don't know. Say something and to who? 15 and responsibilities. 15 Maybe that's the question I need to ask. To ManPower? 16 Q My question, though, sir, was employers, Who -- who would he say something to? 16 17 even temporary employers, so. Anyway, I can see where 17 Q So you just don't know? 18 you were going. But suffice it to say, you didn't 18 A No, I'm asking the question. You're --19 review Mr. Taylor's agreements with Ball, if any, so 19 you're asking me a question about say -- see 20 you can't opine on them one way or another? 20 something, say something. And my -- my question to A That's correct. And again, I'm not here to 21 you is, what -- to whom are you suggesting he should 22 argue his status of employment, but he was not an 22 have said something to? 23 employee. He was not a temporary employee. My 23 Q Anyone to anything. A I'm not laughing at you. It's just, what 24 understanding is Mr. Taylor was a contracted employee. 24 25 He -- his employer was ManPower. That was his 25 does that mean? Page 86 Page 88 1 Well, sir, I -- you ride the --1 employer. 2 What does that mean? Anything to anybody? 2 And he was given a -- a project at Ball's 3 Q You ride the subway in New York, the police 3 facility. And so he should be given the same level of 4 concern as it relates to safety as any of the Ball always say, "You see something, say something." It's employees should be granted. That's my point. 5 not tricky. If you see something that looks weird or 5 6 Q Under 3.2, it says "It is each employee's dangerous, tell someone who looks responsible. Are 7 duty to participate in the accident prevention program you saying that that simple duty or that simple task 8 by being alert for unsafe or potentially substandard 8 does not apply to Jaasin Taylor? conditions or acts, and doing his or her part to A No, I'm not saying that. My -- my question, 10 correct the situation by immediately reporting any 10 which you may have answered, is, they knew -- Ball 11 such conditions or acts to his or her supervisor." 11 knew that this was leaking. So what would he have 12 said to Ball that they already didn't know? Hey, you 12 Does Mr. Taylor have that responsibility to Ball? 13 A No. But that's a good point because what 13 have a leaking pipe -- hose that's discharging 14 hydraulic fluid all over the floor. 14 it -- what it says is what I've been saying. Ball's 15 employees, people who get a paycheck from Ball, that's 15 They would say, yeah, we know. It's -we're going to have it fixed tonight. 'Cause that's 16 their responsibility, is to safeguard. Exactly. But 16 17 they didn't. 17 the facts. They already knew that this was being Q So I just want to be clear. See something, discharged. So he did, based on your question, see 18 18 19 something and said something. 19 say something, does not apply to Jaasin Taylor? 20 A Does it? 20 Q Do you have any indication that Mr. Taylor 21 said, look, this is too dangerous. Even when I try 21 Q That's my question to you, sir. A I'm asking. I don't know. Say -- say what and mop it, or whatever measures were taken, it's not 23 23 to who? He didn't -- he was not a -- he was there on enough. It's still too dangerous? 24 24 his second day. I -- I mean, it -- really? It's like A I don't know what he said.

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Q Do you have any -- that Mr. Taylor refused

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25 saying, hey, you signed a policy that says if anybody

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some type of a liquid -- yes, there you go -- on the
1 to work and just said, this is plain too dangerous.
2 I'm not doing this anymore?
                                                             2 floor. I don't know what that is, if that's hydraulic
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                                                               fluid or some other substance.
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      A Well, in hindsight, that's what he should
                                                            4
                                                                   Q Okay. How do we know that's liquid?
   have said. But at the time, I don't know.
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                                                                   A Well, it appears to be. It's a different
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            MR. SCHULZ: Let's take a very short
                                                               color, different material than the concrete.
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   break, please.
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                                                                   Q Okay. But are we positive it's liquid, or
            THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 11:39 a m. We are
                                                                we think it's liquid?
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   off the record.
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                                                                       Well, it appears to be some substance on the
            (Off the record.)
            THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 11:45 a m. We are
                                                            10 floor.
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11 on the record.
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                                                                   Q Is the substance a different color from the
                                                            12 floor?
12 BY MR. SCHULZ:
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                                                                   A I don't know. It -- based on this camera
13
      Q Sir, are you ready to continue?
                                                                angle, you -- the -- the higher gloss. That's why I
14
      A Yes.
                                                               thought it was a -- think it's a liquid. It kind of
15
      Q Thank you.
16
            MR. SCHULZ: Lonn, could you please
                                                                reflects back to the camera as a different color. But
                                                                when you're standing over it, it might not be -- well,
17 bring up the security video? We'll mark it as the
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18
   next exhibit.
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                                                               if it's hydraulic fluid, it's going to be clear.
                                                                   Q Is it fair to say, at least at this vantage
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            (Kendzior Exhibit 6 was marked for
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                                                                point, the floor looks gray and the suspected
20
            identification.)
21 BY MR. SCHULZ:
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                                                                substance looks white?
                                                           22
                                                                   A Yeah, it looks reflective. Right.
22
      Q All right. Sir, do you recognize this
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   video, at least as it's starting? We haven't -- or
                                                                         MR. SCHULZ: All right. Let's go ahead
   we're starting it now, I guess.
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                                                               and hit play, please, Lonn.
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            (Video played.)
                                                                         (Video played.)
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                                                                         THE WITNESS: Mr. Schulz, I just want
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         Do you recognize this?
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      A Yes.
                                                                to remind you, in ten minutes, I'm going to have to
                                                               leave. Just to give you heads up.
      Q Is this the security video of the incident
                                                             3
3
4 area that you reviewed recently?
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                                                                         MR. SCHULZ: Understood.
5
      A Yeah. Unfortunately, you can't see the
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                                                                BY MR. SCHULZ:
6 slip-and-fall incident because it's behind the
                                                                   Q It looks like the video is buffering. All
                                                               right. Okay. We're at time code 11:48:29. What do
7 equipment you see in the background, behind the pallet
                                                                you see Mr. Taylor doing here?
   jack and the boxes that are stacked up. But yes.
                                                            9
                                                                   A Mopping the floor.
      Q Okay. As an initial matter, looking at this
10 video, are you able to tell where there is hydraulic
                                                            10
                                                                       And is Mr. Taylor using proper mopping
                                                                   Q
11 fluid on the floor?
                                                           11 technique?
12
      A No.
                                                            12
                                                                   A It appears to, yes.
13
      Q At any point during the course of the video,
                                                           13
                                                                       Where is he mopping, exactly?
14 are you able to see hydraulic fluid on the floor?
                                                            14
                                                                       Behind the -- well, I don't know what all
                                                                the equipment is, but there is material handling
      A No. Unless the -- I -- I say, "No."
                                                                equipment. There's the -- I guess that's the baling
16 There -- it's -- I can't say with certainty. But if
                                                            16
17 you look behind the -- where the forklift is -- and
                                                            17
                                                                machine.
18 there's a pallet in front of the forklift -- there
                                                           18
                                                                   Q Do you have any opinions about how baling
                                                            19
                                                                machines should function or a possible malfunction?
19 appears to be some type of a liquid on the floor --
20
      Q I'm going to move my cursor. Are you
                                                           20
                                                                Are you going to testify as to that?
                                                           21
                                                                   A No. sir.
21 referring to this white area?
      A No. I'm saying, if you go up to where the
                                                           22
                                                                      Mr. Taylor looks like he's walking around
                                                           23
                                                                now. Where should the barricades have been placed?
23 pallet jack is -- or I'm sorry. The -- the pallet --
24 yeah, forklift. Yeah, right there. If you look to
                                                           24
                                                                   A The entire area between the green poles that
                                                           25 have the yellow bumpers on them. I mean, the entire
25 the right of where your cursor is, there appears to be
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